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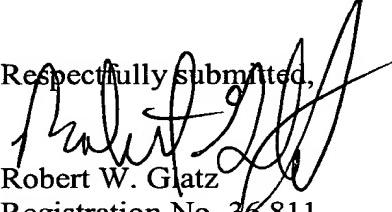
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Sir:

Applicants note that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance generally accurately tracks the recitations of Claim 1. Applicants understand that the Examiner has provided generalized comments based on Claim 1 but that each of the independent claims is patentable in light of the respective recitations contained in those claims.

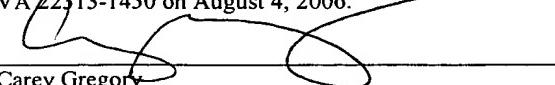
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